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September 21, 2004

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attention: Docket Manager
Post Office Drawer 11649
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Re: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund
Docket No. 97-239-C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Request for Additional State USF Funding in Abeyance in the above-captioned matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this notice as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,



Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosures
cc: All Parties of Record
PC Docs # 536785

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-239-C

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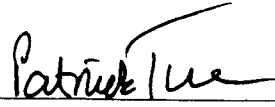
Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an)
Intrastate Universal Service Fund)
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**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL STATE USF FUNDING**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and the Consumer Advocate have entered a settlement agreement ("Agreement") that resolves all disputes arising out of another proceeding (Docket No. 1999-178-C). The Agreement provides in part that upon court approval of the Agreement, BellSouth will withdraw its request in this docket for additional funding from the State Universal Service Fund ("State USF"). The Supreme Court of South Carolina has entered an Order approving the Agreement, and that Order is now final and non-appealable.

BellSouth, therefore, respectfully notifies the Commission and all parties to this docket that BellSouth is withdrawing the Access Services Tariff it filed on or about September 2, 2003, and that BellSouth is withdrawing its associated request for additional funding from the State Universal Service Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick W. Turner", written over a horizontal line.

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IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines)	
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_____)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and that she has caused BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Notice of Withdrawal of Request for Additional State USF Funding in the foregoing matter to be served upon the persons named below this 21st day of September, 2004, by placing copies of same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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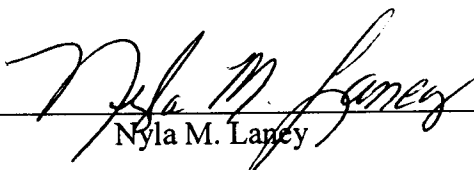
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